January 2, 1968

Dr. George Miles, Director
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St.
New York, New York 10032

Dear George:

I would like to nominate Mr. Richard Picker to become a Fellow of the A.N.S. He is devoted to scholarship in numismatics as well as being a dealer of the highest reputation. He has voluntarily assisted me and others in extensive research projects concerning American Colonial coins and paper money and makes his library and records available to all of those who ask for information.

Of all the people who helped me in writing Early Paper Money of America, Richard Picker was the most encouraging and the most helpful.

I plan to ask a number of other Fellows if they would sponsor Richard Picker as a Fellow and before doing so merely wanted to know whether there would be any reason why I should not do it.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

1/13/68

Dear Eric:

NU????

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 18, 1968

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Your stimulating one word letter of January 13, 1968 had its effect.

I am returning herewith the two fake Bermuda items, the shilling and the sixpence. I have taken some miserable pictures of them.

I am returning the Massachusetts threepence Noe 28 which has the obverse die damaged by clashing. This, obviously, is the latest state of the reverse die and shows the order in which the pieces were struck.

I am also returning the Noe 14 and feel that any minute differences which you saw in the serifs are not of enough importance to record.

Now we come to the group of four pieces of Massachusetts silver from an old collection and I am particularly interested in the Noe No. 1 which weighs 74 grains and which has roots going down to the left as well as roots to the right on the obverse and which has a reverse which is generally different from the standard Noe.1, in that it has a period above the numeral 5. The last two Roman numerals of XII slant down to the left, etc. The spacing of the letters is almost the same as Noe 1, and it has occurred to me that perhaps the reverse die was filed off very flat after it had been badly broken, and recut. It certainly looks perfectly genuine to me.

I am certainly pleased to have the opportunity of seeing these pieces and feel as though you should check many other Noe 1 pieces to see if one like this could be found.

I cannot find any record of the Willow Tree piece. I would like to see it examined metallurgically to see whether the pitting is from natural deterioration and corrosion.

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The other Pine Tree shillings, Noe 2 and Noe 19 seem quite normal, even though the latter is slightly overweight - as I am.

I would like to see Ted, or some metallurgical expert study the texture of the metal under 40 power or better and to explain to me why the tiny little granular designs appear in the scratches, on the edge, on the surface, and virtually every where. This is true of all kinds of coins, even modern cents. There ought to be a way of telling whether a coin was cast or struck from these minute granular portions. Can someone explain that to me?

The group of Massachusetts notes dated June 1776 were very nice to see. They are not Revere notes and I believe you priced them in the catalog as if they were. Theysre entirely type set.

I was unable to find any other counterfeits than the 5s which you sent and this one I already knew about.

It seems to me that these pieces were printed first with 1778 in all notes and then the 9 was substituted for the 8 in the frame. My reason for stating this is that I can find no differences between two notes of the same denomination with different due dates other than those due dates. I don't think the numbering is too important.

I am returning all of those on your list except those due dates I do not have which are 5d 1779, 9d 1779, 1s 3d 1779, 1s 8d 1779. I do have all of the denominations you list but don't have all the due date varieties as above indicated. I even have duplicates of items from this series.

Maybe we can get together on improving my collection but there is no harm if we don't because owning a collection today is like owning something buried which you neither can enjoy or show others, in most instances.

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All the other earthly news, of which I have my usual quantity, will be related to you by telephone on some convenient occasion.

Incidentally, I cannot find where the word INDEPENDENCE is misspelled in my book. I presume you mean it is misspelled on the illustrated note.

Your neglectful correspondent,

EPN/stb

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1/20/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very mush for your nice, long letter, and the returns. Glad that my 'to the point' letter was effective. Sorry that the Bermuda photos didn't come out good. Will try to get better ones made. Meanwhile, for the record, you still have stashed away somewhere, the following items: 2 PT3 N.37, #6551 7/25/67; 4 notes (2 Mass, 1 N.C., 1 N.Y.), #6547, 7/24/67; 2 notes (1 Ga., 1 N.J.), #6141, 8/16/66. I'm sure that we can work out something with these, as well as the 4 notes from this last group with some sort of trade. Pick out a nice coin or two. Meanwhile, on various occasions, I've asked for your opinion as to the prices of some items, as well as your suggested corrections for the prices in the book when we were doing it, and in all cases you've told me that you know nothing of prices and don't want to have anything to do with them. Now, when we find something that might interest you, you have a good reason for feeling that we've made an error in the book. I agree that when we suggested prices on this issue, I took into account not only the small number printed, but the allure of the Revere name. Why didn't you tell us at that time that the prior reference (Wayte Raymond) was wrong? If this sounds like somewhat of a dig, it is. Anyway, there's still no reason why we can't work something out. I'll place my own values on what you offer in trade, and if it comes to what I feel the value is of my material, we'll have a deal. Perhaps I didn't make myself clear on the mis-spelling. In the text for the 11/17/76 issue

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you mention the change to INDEPENDENCE. Actually, the change was to INDEPENDANCE, and I felt that the incorrect spelling should be noted, in the text. I spoke with Ted this AM, and he's going to stop over later to pick up these Mass. silver pieces. I'd suggest that you give him a call late next week, and see if he's come up with anything. I must go out of town tomorrow, but will return the 23rd late, or perhaps the 24th. I go to LA about 2/13-14 for the show, and return about the 19th. I've seen a good many Noe 1s, and never saw anything like this piece. Some time ago, I had the opportunity to see all of the Boyd Mass. silver, and I feel certain that I would have noticed something like this, if he had one. But, I'll keep looking. Ted was just here. He has the coins. He suggested that you give him a call Thu sday or Friday. I think that covers about everything for the time being. If I've omitted anything, let me know. Right now, I must prepare my material for tomorrow's trip.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. If convenient, give me a call the 29th or 31st, or 1st. Will be out the 30th & 2nd.

MEMO FROM

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2/8/68

Dear Eric:

What's going on? Where have you been? How come I don't hear from you? did they cut the free line?? I leave for L.A. the 14th, and expect to return late PM the 19th. Hope to find a letter from you awaiting me, containing the answers to the questions that I've already forgotten I've asked. Whether or not that makes any sense, it's true. I know that I've asked a number of things, but, at the moment, I don't recall them. Your answers will refresh my memory. It's easier for you to re-read my letters and take it from there, than it would be for me to go thru my files and repeat everything. Lets hear from you. Hope nothing is wrong.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

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2/10/68

Dear Eric:

Quick note. We bowled last night, and moved up to 1st place. Hope we keep it. I quickly looked at Noe 13,14,15, as well as a good photo of Fab 'I', and Noe 12. At quick examination, I feel that 13, 14, 'I', and perhaps 31 are very close in many respects. Noe 12 and 15 seem to have some things as far as workmanship and design in common. I think I have a 15 in the vault, but, that's closed till Tues, and since I leave for LA Wed., I don't know that I'll have time, or even remember to see. Tried to get Taxay on the phone, but, no answer. Also tried to compare the new Noe 1 with NNM # 142 PR, and see some similarities, expecially in the shape of the '5'. This whole field of Mass. silver, including counterfeits needs a lot more study and research. Before any embarkation on this project is started, I think that we must first avail ourselves of some very accurate equipment, that we can use for SpG. I realize that SpG is not an accurate measurement, but, if we first weigh a set of standard items, and do all that have to be done at the same time, & under the same conditions, carefully, and then re-do them to check on accuracy, we will have the differences to go on. That is: if a Noe 1 checks to a certain figure, and it does the 2nd time too, or very close, and we find that # 13 is far from that, we have a start. Does ANS have such equipment? A few of us working there could complete such a task in a day, once we have all the necessary coins assembled. THIMK!!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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2/26/68

Dear Eric:

Hasty note. Retd from LA with a fistula on my bottom Mon PM, had it cut open Tues AM, and have spend most of the time since, in the tub. Busy as heck. Thought I'd hear something from you. Showed Breen the late Oak 3d N. 28 in LA, and after studying it, we found that the tree is different, letters thinner, beads smaller, etc., and think that this might be the earlier state, then the die re-worked to produce the 28. He thought that the new Pine Noe 1 might be Crosby 11-H, but, after checking Crosby's description, I'm inclined not to think so. He's living in N.Y. now, working part time for Merkin and NN. As soon as I can dig out my other new Pine, I'm going to give him this group to play with. Meanwhile, I'm being offered a N.Y., Nov. 1, 1709, 25 Shilling note. Do you have any record of any of them having been stolen? I'll check with Percy Rideout's son-in-law, and see if it might have been his. I'm very careful these days! Have you given any thought to the stuff you still have there, of mine? Can't you come up with some good duplicate coins for trade?? Do you need any of the Virginia notes coming up in the Merkin Sale March 6th? How about one of those calls when you have a few minutes? What else is new? What did you think of the decision that got the panel off the hook, and left everyone else hanging?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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3/1/68

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. Too bad we couldn't spend more time. Was eating one of my daughter's new recipes, and it was quite good. The N.Y. note is 11/1/09, 25 Sh. # 1559. Please send any info on it, even if nothing to report, as I'd like to know one way or the other, before I make a deal. I'll try to hold off for another few days. I remember now, the other interesting stuff was on the Mass. silver. After you've considered the things that I mentioned in my last letter on it, would like to have your comments. I'm not as worried about counterfeits and robberies as you appeared to be, though I feel that they are both serious problems. Care, caution, along with a certain amount of luck can overcome both problems, but, the trouble is that most collectors and dealers disregard the first two items, and rely too much on the 3rd. If you know any collectors who have good material, and are discouraged, I'd be interested in the collections. Speaking for the more serious collectors and dealers, I feel that I can safely say that: "WE SHALL NOT BE OVERCOME". And now, back into the tub with my recalcitrant ass that made an ass of itself, and me to boot!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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3/23/68

Dear Eric:

Sorry I had to cancel out on Washington. It just didn't make sense. The earliest plane I could get would have been 10AM, which would have gotten me to the Washington airport at 11, and it would have been about noon before I got to the Smithsonian. That's assuming that the plane, etc. would be on time. Friday it was foggy, and all planes were up to an hour late. The same was predicted for today, and actually, it's worse. So, I'll read the speeches in Coin World, or where ever they're published. I spoke to Walter, and he's planning a book on Massachusetts Silver. I told him that you had a lot of info, and suggested that he write you. I hope that he did, and that things work out. A book is sorely needed. My wife takes a course on Tuesdays, and returns home about 8:30 - 9:00 PM, so I take my own dinner. If it's convenient for you to call on Tuesday, I'll be waiting, since I like to eat a little later than we usually do when she's home. If you read a prepared paper, and have a copy of it, I'd certainly like to see it. Meanwhile, I hope that you both had pleasant trips, and a pleasant visit to Washington.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

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3/26/68

Dear Eric:

Well, I guess I can stop awaiting your call this PM ((9:00 PM on the nose). So, I'll just give you a few things to think about, so that we can discuss them more intelligently when you do have the opportunity to call. I'll be home tomorrow and Thursday, out Fri. & Sat, and home Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs of next week. First, I'd be interested in hearing about Washington, the speeches, etc., and if anything happened on or off the record. Breen told me that he wrote to you about his book on Mass. Silver. I'd like to hear your opinions, feelings, comments, etc. on that. I'd also like to discuss seriously, any trading that may be done between us. I'd like you to return the 4 Mass notes of 6/18/76, so that I can see what they look like, properly evaluate them in my mind for trading, and write them up on an approval slip, and return them to you. I'd also like to have a list of what other items you're holding for possible trade, so that I can check them with my records. Also, quite a while back, you expressed an interest in the $1. and $2. of Mass, 6/18/76, due 1779 that I told you I had, or that you had seen (I don't recall which). I still have these notes aside. Do you want to add these to possible trades? If so, I'll send them on, but hesitate burdening you unnecessarily, by just sending them. Actually, outside of the N.J. Maris 3-C and possibly a Sommer Islands XII, I have no idea as to what you have in duplicate. How about spending some time, and weeding

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4/4/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the copy of the letter to Walter. I'm glad to hear that it strikes you well, and that you'll co-operate. You must have quite a file on the subject by this time. I've given him a number of things to study, and when he's finished with them, I suggested that he go thru all of the pieces that I have in stock, in hopes of finding a few things that I missed. I must have between 60-80 pieces. Though it's true that he can probably add very little, if any new historical background, you might have some of that, and even if not, the die variety study is sorely needed. Meanwhile, I searched all thru that envelope, hoping to find a letter to me. No such luck. I hope that it's only the fact that your unfortunate sinus infection kept you from getting at the items I mentioned, and that you didn't take offense to my digs. [redacted]

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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4/27/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks for all the nice carbon copies. Hope that some day you can find some time to write me a letter, answering some of the things I asked. Frankly, it's been so long that if I didn't have some notes on them someplace, I'd have forgotten the questions. Meanwhile, referring to your letter of the 23rd to Walter, you mention that it was your thought that he go back to Crosby numbers. Actually, when we spoke, you mentioned that you didn't like the idea of him starting another new set of numbers, and I mentioned to you that I felt that the Noe numbers were unuseable, but that Crosby numbers might work out. Of course, the difficulty here is that the numbers would bear no relationship to ~~kx~~ Breen's ideas as to the order of emission. That does pose a serious problem. Frankly, I'm not sure whether I'd prefer to see his new numbers in proper sequence or Crosby numbers out of sequence. Adjusting Noe would be too difficult. What we now refer to as N. $25\frac{1}{2}$ actually should be 25 minus $\frac{1}{2}$, since it's earlier than 25, and can't be $24\frac{1}{2}$ since it has no relationship to 24. Also, what Noe designation could you give obv. 17, rev 23 other than N. 17/23? That would make it look like a hodge-podge, since there are a number of other similar difficulties. It might not be bad to have all new numbers with tables showing the new numbers and the corresponding #s in Crosby, Noe and Wurtzbach. Four tables might also be used, showing the relationship to all, by each in its own sequence. More thought needed on all this.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

May 10, 1968

Mr. Richard Picker

Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

The four 1776 Massachusetts items which you requested to be returned are enclosed herewith.

This still doesn't count as a letter.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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5/16/68

Dear Eric:

I'm glad that my last letter (?) spurred you into calling, and saying that you couldn't ignore it, but, it seems that that's all it did. It evidently didn't spur you into any sort of action. I think that you understand why I don't want to price anything to you. We have a nice relationship as it is now, and I feel that it would deteriorate at least to some extent if it became commercial. However, I do recognize that once in a while I get a few items that you would like, and am willing to let you have first crack at them on a trade basis. Of course, as far as I'm concerned, this is commercial to a great extent, but, for you it is a question of releasing something that you don't need, for something that you do. It would keep us from bickering over a few dollars. For instance, if I were to ask $500. for an item, and you felt that it was worth no more than $400. or so, we would have a dollar disagreement. But, if you offered coins that you felt were worth what I was offering, the difference of a few dollars wouldn't make that much difference, and, if it was too far apart in my thinking, I could just refuse the trade, or ask to see other items. I prefer to offer material where I feel that it will do the most good, and if I have anything that you lack, I feel that helping such a good collection is more important than just adding to a small collection. Right now, in addition to the items that you now have, I have here: Mass, 6/18/76, $1. & $2. F.I., 5/22/77 $ 1/8, 1/24, & 1/36. I have customers for these notes, but have held

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them back, awaiting some sort of at least a start on your part. Some time ago, you asked about these Mass. notes, and I told you I'd hold them for you. I don't recall whether or not I mentioned the R.I.s, but, they've been aside for the same purpose, as is the 1737 N.Y., and a few other things. So, please give all this some thought, and try to give me a call Monday or Tuesday, or Thursday. I'll be at the Parke-Bernet sale Wed, and we bowl Friday. When you called last week, you mentioned this collection of Virginia Colonial paper money that your friend wanted to sell. I told you what I had in mind for it, and that it would most probably be accepted. Even if that did not work out, I would probably buy it for my own stock, if as you indicated, the price would be within reason. I was hoping that by this time it would have been here. Is there anything holding it up? Were you able to find the article "THE AMAZING PUJOL" in the book review section of the 4/1/68 Newsweek?? If not, I'll lend you a photo-copy.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. Any chance of you being in N.Y. in the near future??

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

May 20, 1968

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Enclosed is a hoard of 62 Virginia Colonials plus 2 Continentals, all found in the attic of a Missouri house. There was a substantial migration from Virginia, via Kentucky to Missouri and Daniel Boone was an example. Who took this hoard to Missouri, I do not know. We have been asked to sell them and to be benefited for our advice and work. We have cleaned them and in a few cases repaired them. There are about 20 additional pieces in tattered condition which will be given to the eventual buyer unless the owners want some souvenirs from them. We have recorded the issue, denomination, serial number and condition on the enclosed sheet and added the catalogue value. The Clothing for the Army piece is not priced in the catalogue. Our thought was to offer themto Colonial Williamsburg first but since speaking to you there is no objection to your handling it. The group are to be sold in bulk and not broken up. We prefer to be benefited by bills not by money. The price to be received by the owners must be submitted to us first for approval.

Please look the lot over and decide what you feel is right to pay, contingent upon selling them if you wish, taking into consideration our benefit from a few other bills which you can turn over to us as per the enclosed memo.

This group was a real surprise and there is no doubt about the reliability of the story of finding them. They really have seen circulation and all Virginia bills, being on very poor grade paper, are not to be judged like other bills of the period on quality paper.

Kindest regards,

Eric

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May 20, 1968

Exchanges with Eric P. Newman Numismatic Education Society

Your Georgia 9/10/77 $4/5 #none, f (a minor technical border variety)	for Our Ga. 9/10/77 $1/2 #868 unc. (really lovely)
Your N.J.4/10/59 30 sh #3996, vg	for Our N.J. 4/10/59 30 sh #3895 v.g.
Your Mass. 6/18/76 5d #2197 v.g.	for Our Mass.6/18/76 1 sh 3d #3881 v.g.
Your Mass. 6/18/76 9d #2274 v.g.	for Our Mass.6/18/76 2sh 4d #4078 f.

Transfers to Eric P.Newman Numismatic Education Society

Your Mass. 10/14/13 redated 1716 3 sh #13541 but torn in half and laminated in plastic.

Your N.Y. 4/10/88 10 sh #19339, fine, but laminated in plastic.

Your Mass. 11/17/76 22 sh #3387 v.f. but laminated in plastic.

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Those items marked "your" are in our possession.

Those items marked "our" are enclosed.

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There is returned to you herewith:

N.C.1771 #2871 30 sh laminated in plastic.
Mass. 6/18/76 1s 3d #5795, good.
Mass. 6/18/76 1s 8d #4788 v.f. (Mine is not as nice).

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FORM #105

May 27, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker | FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

As unnecessary as I believe it seems, I am returning herewith, for pricing, the following items:

New Jersey - April 4, 1759 - 30 sh. #3996

Georgia - September 10, 1777 - 4 sh. - no number

Massachusetts - 1716 - 3 sh. - No. 13541

Massachusetts - Nov. 1776 - 22 sh. - No. 3387

New York - April 18, 1786 - 10 sh. - No. 19339

I believe you are planning to return these to me along with a New York 25 sh. 1709 and perhaps a £5 New York 1737.

I look forward to hearing the results of your chemical expert with respect to removal of the lamination on three of the above pieces.

There are no other items among those you mentioned to me which I want to have you reserve for me because most of them I already have in poor condition.

I will telephone you as soon as I receive your pricing of these items.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

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DATE 5/29/68 **Nº** 6930

Eric P Norman

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	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	H.d. 4/10/59 30Sh. B	3996	–	20	SPN
	N Y 11/1/09 25Sh.	1554	56730	750	
	N Y 4/18/86 10Sh.	14339	5415C	250	
	Mass 10/14/13 3Sh. -1714-1716	13541	5414	1000	
	H.d. 4/10/59 30Sh. B	3895			
	Ga 9/10/77 1/2dd	868	Your notes		
	Mass 6/18/76 18Sh. 3d	3881			
	" " 2" 4"	H078			

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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6/8/68

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. I have about ½ hr before the P.O. Closes. The collection was returned. He called me yesterday to tell me that it was on the way back. The only note that he could use was the 'clothing' note, and he couldn't get excited about that because of the condition. He has an inventory of the Williamsburg collection, and most of this if not all would be duplicates for them, so he didn't feel a donation would be in order. Yesterday, I happened to be speaking to Charlie Affleck about something else, and since I knew this was coming back, I mentioned it to him. He has no interest in it. I don't know who else might be that interested in Virginias, who could afford it, or would want to spend on it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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6/18/68

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you last evening. I finally was able to reach the party to whom I mentioned the blue sheet, and he's not interested. He only wants the Yorktown issue in blue. I'm enclosing the North Carolina note, so you can see how it looks with the plastic removed. He can't guarantee that the others will come out this nice, or even if they can be done at all. It would depend upon his tests on the ink of each signature on each note, as well as the printing ink. Several years ago, I believe about 1956-7, I traded a Pitt farthing to you. If this is possibly a duplicate, or if it isn't important to your collection, you might want to consider trading it back to me. I can use it for a particular request.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

Returned
6/28/68

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

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DATE 6/18/68 **Nº** 6956

Eric P. Newman

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	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	No Cov Dec 1771 30 Sh.	2821	54155	175		

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7/1/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the recommendation, and for sending on the N.C. note. I'll keep you posted as to any activity with Mr. Ogden, if I hear from him. I saw the report of the Ostheimer robbery in Coin World. Leater Merkin has his other dollars, cataloguing them for his sale in September. It's a shame that all of the early ones are gone, but perhaps they'll turn up. I tried to find out if he had any photos of them, but Lester didn't know, though I guess he did have of some of the more important ones. What kind of vacation plans do you have for the summer? Will they include A.N.A. in San Diego? We're planning about a week in Mexico before the convention, and a few days in Las Vegas after it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rick

FORM #105

September 24, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

As requested, there is enclosed a copy of Taxay's article on the Fugio patterns. I will discuss this with you after you have read it. Perhaps it isn't supposed to be a scientific article, so a number of facts are not in it.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

FORM #105

September 25, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr.Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Finally found it and am returning the Noe 32 Pine Tree 6d.

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

9/26/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your note, and for the photocopy of Taxay's article. I just ran thru it quickly, but will read it again more thoroughly this evening. Meanwhile, as yet, I haven't received the sixpence. Did you mail it? If so, was it insured, registered or certified? Have there been any developments regarding the member who was admitted to the ANS about a year ago? I told Merkin that you'd be requesting a look at the Rosas. The sale will be 11/20/68. In addition to the 1789 Charleston note being signed by Foster, the (1786) Charleston note is also signed by Webb in the illustration, but not mentioned in the text (2d). The 5/3 note has a signature that may or may not be the Casey mentioned in the text, but, it sure doesn't look like Casey. Do you have any duplicates of No. Car. 4/2/76 with the signature of William Haywood? I have a customer who's a descendant, and is trying to collect the entire issue with that signature. If you have any, please put a price on them, and ship, and we can deduct the amount from the items you have, if acceptable. He already has: $\$\frac{1}{2}$ ship, both $\$2\frac{1}{2}$s, $4s, $5s and $15.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

October 3, 1968

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island
New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Thanks for your nice note.

The Casey signature on the South Carolina pieces is really Casey. It is the old-fashioned S which throws you.

For your customer who is a relative of William Haywood, I have a duplicate of the North Carolina $7.50 April 2, 1776 in as fine condition as I have ever seen one. It is slightly above "very fine". The signatures are very clear. This not only is an odd denomination but has the early American flag and the initials "GL" for the engraver. I would expect a $100 credit toward your paper money if he wanted this item.

I suppose you have your beloved sixpence by now as I just neglected sending it to you for too long.

I'll trade you work any time.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

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MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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10/5/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. Yes, the 6d arrived, I thought that I had acknowledged it. I xxxx started to go thru Taxay's article more thoroughly, but, got side tracked, and still didn't get back to it. However, though you may not find it scientific enough, I think that he brings out some good arguments, and I do see some validity to the theory. Right now, I'm in the midst of preparations to leave for Chicago (PNG show) on the 10th, and will return late PM the 13th. After that, I should be able to get back to the article. Meanwhile, I'd appreciate it very much if you'd send on the NC 4/2/76, $7½ note with the signature of Wm Haywood. It'll probably be accepted, and if it is, we'll have a deal for the $100. credit. It never occurred to me to mention it to you, but I've been trying to put together a set of all denominations signed by Levy and Jacobs. I find that Jacobs signed CC 2/17/76; 5/9/76; 7/22/76; and Levy signed 11/2/76 and 2/26/77. So far I have: 2/17/76: 1/6 B; 1/3 A; $1. $3. 5/9/76: $2., $3., $5. 7/22/76: $2., $6., $7., $30. 11/2/76: $5., $7., $30. 2/26/77: $2., $3, $4,$6, $8. In addition, I have some duplicates. If you have any that I lack, perhaps we can trade for some that I have in duplicate that you might lack, if you care about them. It's interesting to note that Levy, who was a merchant in Philadelphia, signed the Baltimore issue. I remember reading someplace, a discussion as to where these were actually issued. This might help throw some light on the situation. Why do you so studiously avoid answering some of my questions? Anything that I feel should be kept confidential, is so kept.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

FORM #105

October 18, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr.Richard Picker | FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

You must think I have lost interest in coins. Well, that difficulty is only temporary, I hope. I have been overwhelmed with business, social, and charitable work obligations. If you have a remedy to get me out of these I would appreciate knowing it.

Enclosed is the North Carolina $7.50 April 2, 1776, No. 7611, signed by Mr. Haywood. If you think it is worth more than $100.00, please feel free to quote it at more.

As to Continental currency with the signatures of Jacobs and Levy, I am enclosing two signed by Jacobs, which you do not have, and which I have taken out of my collection. I don't have duplicates of these items but do not try to collect each denomination by signature. They are Feb.7, 1776, $7, No. 9608, and May 9, 1776, $5, No. 1070. Send me two other Benjamin Jacobs you have in duplicate and I am sure that will give you pleasure. You see, I gladly exchange equals... you hesitate to do so.

The reason Levy of Philadelphia signed the Baltimore issue is either because many of the Baltimores issued might have been printed in Philadelphia or Levy might have gone to Baltimore when the British were in Philadelphia.

I don't know what other things I am ignoring but will try to contact you by telephone to learn.

Apparently I am going to be in New York on November 9 to give a talk at ANS. Must write that, too, and try to be learned. It is going to be filthy.

Kindest regards,

EPN
atb

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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10/21/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, and notes. The North Carolina seems nice, and, as agreed, I'll credit your account with $100.00 for it. On the Jacobs notes, either I mis-typed something, or you mis-read it. In the 5/9/76 issue, I have the $2, $3, and $5. So, am returning your $5. I can use the other note, 2/17/76 $7. The only duplicate Jacobs notes that I have, are the three listed in 5/9/76, and since you already have the $5, I'm sending the $3, which though still not as nice as your 2/17/76 $7, is better than my duplicate $2. Come to think of it, since yours is better than my duplicate, perhaps the way to make it up, is to send you both duplicates, the $2 and ~~$2~~ $3, and offer you the 2 notes for your one. Please let me know if this is OK, before I put your note in my collection. Glad to hear that you'll be here on the 9th. I'll certainly try to get there to hear your talk. You might want to come in a day early, as the N.Y. club meets on the 8th. I haven't been to one of those meetings in the longest time, and have been wanting to go. If you'll be here for it, it might give me some incentive. What will be your ANS topic, and how do you plan to dirty it up? Any news regarding your Virginia collection, or funds from other sources? By the way, you should still have 2 specimens of Pine Tree 3d N. 37. Do you remember them?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

FORM #105

November 11, 1968

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

When I returned to St.Louis I found there was no request for an opinion from Lester Merkin. You indicated there would be one forthcoming. I thought you should know the status.

It was wonderful seeing you, but entirely too short.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

11/14/68

Dear Eric:

Congratulations Grandpa. Is that what caused the big rumble in St. Louis, and most of the south?? He (or she) certainly came into this world with a big bang. I hope that you didn't suffer any damage. Just spoke to Lester. He'll be writing to you today (he said). He told me that the reason for the delay was that he's been very busy with details of the sale, and, based upon what I told him you thought, as well as my opinion and Teds, he decided to withdraw it anyway. However, he does want your letter, as he still isn't 100% convinced. Some day, I hope that you get here with some time to spare, so that we can just sit and talk. Meanwhile, based upon our short conversation, I've put the Jacobs note in my collection, and deposited a check in the amount of $100., to the credit of your account, for the North Carolina note. Do you expect to get in for Lester's sale on the 20th (next week)? If not, is there anything that you'd like me to bid for you? Have you received the NN catalogue? It's quite a work. I haven't had a chance to go thru it carefully, and don't know if I'll ever be able to read all of it, but, it sure looks impressive.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Do you have a duplicate Guaranteed note of Pennsylvania?

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

11/22/68

Dear Eric:

Here's the catalogue. I haven't had time to actually read it, what with all the sales, etc. I did look at some of the coins, and will have to get back to see the balance. I'm just marking my catalogue with what interests me, at what price, and what doesn't interest me, based strictly upon the examination. I haven't checked the grading at all, but, on the few occasions that I accidently noticed it in the catalogue, it appeared to be on the conservative side, and that also appears to be the opinion of other people who have seen the coins and checked. Thanks for sending the copy of your letter to Lester. Frankly, I thought that you'd be more definitive in your reasons. I can't agree that the spread is due only to poor casting. After Ted and I examined it together, it was his opinion, and I'm inclined to agree with him, that it was purposely flattened to disguise and/or remove the porosity that would be on the tops of the letters and other high spots. In any event, we're in agreement as to its lack of genuineness. I've written a check for $100. for the No. Car. note, and deposited it to the credit of your account. Do you think that we can clear that up by the end of the year? The school strike is over, and I'm now back to work on a normal schedule. If you see anything interesting in the NN sale, I'll be happy to act as your secret agent.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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11/29/68

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Busy as heck. Regarding the catalogue situation, I don't understand the pettiness of a lot of people. But, to each his own. I'd be happy to bid for you if you need anything, and, of course, your bids would be confidential. If you find anything, please call me Monday. I'll be going into the city Tuesday AM, to see some more lots, and will be there at NN most of the day. Under the circumstances, though it's OK with me, I don't know whether you'd want to call me there. Still think the piece was flattened, as there was some porosity in the field, but, what the flattening did was to remove evidence of porosity on the tops of the letters. Perhaps some day we'll have an opportunity to examine it together.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

STATEMENT

RICHARD PICKER

COINS

P. O. BOX 366 ALBERTSON

LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

MAYFAIR 1-0763

11/30/68 (as of) 196

Sold to Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores, Inc
400 Wash. Ave
St. Louis 2, MO

Terms:

7/25/67		Inv. # 6551	425		
5/29/68		Inv # 6930	2020		
			2445		
		Pd to date	100		
		Bal	2345		

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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12/4/68

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Am getting ready to leave for the city, for tonight's session. Lot # 199 opened for $190. Though I exceeded your bid somewhat, after looking at the coin again, and liking it, it was to no avail, it went for $425. to a representative of Spinks, who bought quite a bit of the Mass. Silver, and, though it's only my own guess, I suspect that it was for Mrs. Norweb. I checked with NN this afternoon, and they already have a $90. bid on the books, so I'll take it upon myself to go to about $100. or so on it, and hope that it's OK with you. Meanwhile, when we were talking, you asked "if I would really like a check?". The answer of course is yes. As a matter of fact, it would be very helpful if I could get it off the books this month, so I won't have to carry it into next year. The enclosed statement is for your convenience. There are two Noe 37s, one of which I expect that you'll return, and deduct the appropriate amount, but, of course, if you'd like them both, you're welcome to them. I'm anxious to know if you spoke to Dr. Pace, and if so, how the conversation went.

Lot #608

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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12/6/68

Dear Eric:

Well, I got it, and here it is. I hope that you like it. He had $90 on the books, but opened it for $85., I got the $87½, he said $90., and then it was mine. When they're available, I get you a list of the prices realized. Not much else new, just busy as heck with all the backlogged mail after two days of sales.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ri

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

November 27, 1968

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Dick:

Thank you, very much, for sending me the New Netherlands catalogue. I am absolutely amazed that Charles Wormser did not send me one after I requested it.

I noticed that your name is mentioned, with respect, several times in the catalogue. In some cases my name was mentioned with the customary needling, such as on page 35, where I challenged Breen to prove his statement - which now turns out to be a Ford statement.

I will study the catalogue more carefully and let you bid for me if there is something I think I should try to get. The catalogue is certainly loaded with data and that is certainly helpful.

I am not inclined to agree with you as to the flattening of the Continental Dollar because it would not flatten that evenly and would not eliminate porosity marks on the field.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

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MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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12/12/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the check. Here's the receipt. I think that I neglected to give you the results of lot # 593, on which you asked me to bid $2300. It opened for $7750. and was sold on the floor for $8000. to CH. ~~I don't~~ know who it was. Meanwhile on the Pa 10/25/75 issue you mention Adam Hubley as a signer. In going thru all my notes of that issue, I couldn't ~~find one~~ with his signature, but I did find several with this one, which appears to be Adam Grubb. Please let me know your findings on this. What else is new?

Kindest regards, and best wishes for a happy holiday season,

Sincerely,

Adam Grubb

Look at July 20, 1775 for Hubley

Ben Jacobs on 1777 Penna

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

MAYFAIR 1-0763

PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD · INC

DATE 12/12/68 **Nº** 3898

SOLD TO Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores, Inc
400 Wash. Ave
St. Louis 2 Mo.

ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
Purchased for your account at NN Sale	12/3-4/68		
Lot H 608	EXCH	92	50
@ auction at 5%	COMM	4	50
		97	—

Pick Up

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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12/23/68

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the notes. It didn't look like Adam, but, I didn't think of Ham, and the H looked, and still does, look more like an A. But, upon close examination, I can see where it can be an H. So, Grubb is in and Hubley out. On Mass, 11/17/76, I think I mentioned this previously, but, in the event that I didn't, my 22 shilling note (#3387) has the signatures of William Drew and Jonathan Wood, neither of which are listed as signers, by you. However, Brigham, on page 154 lists them under the provisions of the original act, and then on the next page mentions that the later act repudiated certain provisions of this act, and he then goes on to give the same list of signers that you show. I'd like to know how you plan to treat all this in your corrections. I spoke to Dr. Pace the other day, and he told me that he had a nice talk with you. I had told you previously that he wasn't holding back because of secrecy, but merely trying to protect the inexperienced from making drastic mistakes. He's a very careful scientist, and since he offered to do those few more, I'd feel perfectly safe letting him do it. Your standing as a numismatic researcher is excellent, and I don't doubt that it holds up just as well in law and shoes, etc. I just hope that you don't ruin your notes. I've seen Jacobs listed on the Pa notes, but, don't think I have any.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

R

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

12/24/68

Dear Eric:

After writing the enclosed letter yesterday, last evening I finally got to going thru Coin World, and saw the photo of the N.J. item that 'frustrated' you (p. 50). I've seen similar pieces, if not the same piece, and at the time, after checking with a philatalist, we determined that it was from the die of an embossing seal for a N.J. revenue of some sort. I'll get in contact with the stamp man again, and see if he can't pin it down more positively.

And now to trim the tree,

Santa

1724 Lasa Amer 2d - MA

1776 Continental $1 Reuter N. 1-B GENUINE

1785 Nova Constellatio Cr. 4-C Lovey UNC

1809 1/2d G.C NEW VAR. OBV G3 Roger Cahen's # 1-A

( ) Lafayette Sacrifice taken B.565-A Die Break from 2nd C across head of GEORGE

W S of Washington

Kentucky 1/E PAYABLE AT I. FIELDINGS MANCHESTER

1652 PINE TREE XII N 1A NEW VAR.

" " " " CROSBY 22-M OBV Mar 17 REV MOE 23

1662 O.T. 2d Mar 30 Late Bet. 30-31

" OT 2d 31.5 but obv ~~was~~ reworked

1662 OT 2d Mar 30 early Bet. 30-31

1652 OTS ~~[illegible]~~ N. 13.9

" OTS N. 28 LATE State - Damaged Die

" OTS N3 & GEM · Called 'FINEST KNOWN' by WURTZBACH

1795 T.A.L. FULD 1-C Plain Edge

1794 " FULD 3-A " "

1794 " FULD 2-A " "

1805/4 1/2 dal 1st Ed. Overton 8 - Plate Coin

1805 " " " " " - Plate Coin

1805 " " " " 12 - Plate Coin

NEW YORK NOTE 6/22/75 20 Sh. ALBANY

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

1/20/69

Dear Eric:

Still anxiously awaiting your PTS Noe 12. I have Vlacks new one, plus all of his (?) contemporary counterfeits here, and would like to have some fun. Meanwhile, on some Virginia paper, on the 3/1/81 issue, in addition to the signers that you mentioned, I have F. Webb and A.J. Rose. Are all of your notes cleaned up nicely now?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

January 29, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

As requested by you, I am sending you herewith Pine Tree Shilling Noe No. 12, being the only specimen known. It is loaned to you for study and I will be very interested in having your personal comments after you have studied it. It is, under no circumstances, to leave your possession before returned to me. Anyone who wishes to see it shall do so in your presence. No negative impressions are to be made from the piece but it can be photographed in your presence.

Over the years this has been examined by many people and Taxay has determined that it could be an old counterfeit. I don't believe it but his book will state his belief and not mine. At least it is from the Castine hoard - which puts it prior to the time anybody would want to make a die variety piece for collectors.

Happy hunting.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

Certified Mail

Virginia Currency

7/17/75 Small	1 Sh. 3 d. - AHD		John Burnell
	2 Sh 6 d	Six Pence	H King
	5 Sh.		Norton & Dixon
	12 Sh 6 d	(# 96)	Norton & Lyne
	"	(# 9666)	Norton & Dixon
Large Ashby	20 Sh.	44/H390	Johnson + Tagnand (Nicholas on rev.)
D.R.B. 11/1/75	20 Sh.	no engraved lines - Plain Back	Johnson. Morrell Nicholas
	£8	" " " " "	" " "
5/6/76	7 Sh. 6 d		R Harris Geo Seaton
	4 Dol		" "
	5 Dol		" "
10/7/76	1 Dol		Pasteur
	6 "		Dickson + Wrag
	8 "		" "
	10 "		" "
	15 "		" "
5/5/77	1/3 "		Wood
	6 "		Dickson + Wrag
	8 "		" & "
10/20/77	1/6 "		Wood
	1/3 "		"
	2/3 "		"
	6 "		Dickson & Wrag
	8 "		" "
	10		" "
	15		" "

5/4/78 Printed	7 Dal	Thin		Wood	+ Wray
	10 "	Thick		"	"
10/5/78	15 "			"	"
5/3/79	100 "		J. C. Randolph -	H. ~~Cooke~~ Cocke	+ A Craig
5/1/80	2 "	(3/17/81) (#748)	Turner + Webb	Bacon -	Webb
	8 "	(10/9/81) (#1076)	Craig + Stark	"	Fleming
7/14/80	45 "		Archer	Lynn	Hopkins
	55 "		Turner	"	"
	60 "		"	"	"
	80 "		"	"	"
	100 "		"	"	"
10/16/80	50 "		Stark	"	"
	100 "		Simmons	"	"
	200 "		"	"	"
	300 "		"	"	"
	400 "		Stark	"	"
	500		Simmons	"	"
3/1/81	50 "		Stark	"	F Webb
	150 "		A.J Rose	"	Craig
	250 "		Simmons	Hopkins	B Webb
	500 "		"	Craig	Lynn
	1000 "		Stark	Lynn	Hopkins
5/7/81	50 "		"	"	Craig
	70 "		"	"	(ADDED)
	200 "		"	"	Hopkins
	500 "		Simmons	"	Craig
	1000 "		Stark	"	Craig
	1300 "		"	"	Hopkins

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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4/14/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the photo-copy, and for your letter and checks. Enclosed please find a receipted bill for the two items. You never did tell me if your NE VI is one of those plated in Noe, or another one. I'd really like to know. If it isn't in Noe, do you have any pedigree on it? I have a few of the Pa, 4/10/69, 10 sh notes in stock, but, Kelleher has already seen them, and picked out the new one. The others are all of the same plate as was originally known. If you'd still like to check them, please let me know, and I'll be happy to forward them. The reason for my call last week, was to find out if you were going to be in N.Y., since there was a council meeting, etc., on Saturday, and I thought that if so, you might have popped down to our convention for a while just to chat, etc. But, you evidently didn't come in. I understand that the 1795 $10. gold piece was shot about a week or two ago. Have you any idea as to when I might have a few prints? Did you receive that Oak Tree Shilling that I sent on 2/24/69? If not, please let me know, and I'll have it traced. If so, let's have your comments, and please return, as it's only borrowed. I guess that's about it. Please answer everything, and I'll think up a few more.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Richard

P.S. Do you have any duplicate Pa 6/1/80 notes, ~~any denominations~~?

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

2/21/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the call today. I really enjoyed the conversation as well as the surprise. Would you consider acting as my defense attorney?? I'll let you know as soon as I'm served. Meanwhile, here's a curious item. Please don't hold it too long. It doesn't belong to me. It was sent to attribute and evaluate, and after almost just putting a nominal price on it, I noticed that it is the Noe 7, but with the same sort of die damage as 6. I don't believe that I've seen this before, and thought it would be interesting for you to see. If you decide to shoot it, please send me a few prints, about 3. Also, when you have the time to take a picture of that 1795 $10. please don't forget to call Mr. Capps. Nothing much else new. I haven't as yet done anything with your 12 or Vlacks pieces, but should get the backlogged mail and work out of the way over the week-end, and have some time for projects.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Ric

P.S. Try to arrange april 10th - at Park Sheraton N.Y.

P. 15 describes this damage Plate II item H shows weak

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

MAYFAIR 1-0763

DATE 2/21/69 **Nº** 7168

Eric P. Newman

Edwin Bass Stars, Inc

400 Wash ave

St Louis 2 MO

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	1652 Oak Tree XII Mac 7			

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 21, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

At long last I am answering your February 21, 1969 letter enclosing the Oak Tree Shilling Noe 7 which you thought might be unusual.

I believe the die damage on the reverse is fully described in the text relating to this piece on page 15 of Noe's book and the identical die damage is shown on Plate 2, Item H. The piece is returned herewith.

The picture of the 1795 Eagle has been taken but I have not heard from my photographers yet as to whether they have to do it over again.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

April 9, 1969

Mr.Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York

Dear Dick:

There is enclosed herewith, payable to your order, a check of Julians Snowden for $70 which should be applied to the Colonial Paper Money of yours which I have on hand. I furnished Continentnal Currency as the basis for part of this exchange.

In order to clear up part of the transaction, I am sending you a check for $100 which will complete my acquisition of the New York note and the New Jersey note.

Incidentally, do you have any Pennsylvania 10 sh. notes of the March 10, 1769 issue in stock? If so, I would like to see them.

Thank you for bearing with me in connection with this exchange.

Kindest regards.

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MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

3/1/69

Dear Eric:

Have been spending some time with your Noe 12, and Vlack's 38, as well as some counterfeits and genuines. I've spoken to Breen, and he told me that Noe 11 was the first piece to start using punches, and that the 12 & 38 are punch linked to 29 & 30. I've examined 3 ils, and frankly, I don't think that they're punched letters. Where ever a letter is repeated, it is different, the As, ~~A~~ Es and eversed Ns. I'd like your opinion on this. I've checked the 12 & 38 against several 29s and 30s, and can't see any punch linking except between 12 & 38, and there almost all of the letters are the same. Though the As seem to differ between the two pieces, as well as where it is repeated on the same piece, I'm inclined to think that it was made from a V punched in upside down, and then the crossbar added. I can understand where a die cutter would reverse an N when he's cutting the letter into the die, but, I can't see anyone who is experienced enough to manufacture letter punches, to make the N reversed, and then use it. I can't believe that when punches are made they are not tested at least once before using. This leads me to the conclusion that the Ns were purposely reversed in imitation of some of the large planchet errors that had been cut by hand. It's my opinion that punching started with the small planchets, and we do not find one letter reversed in this group with the exception of the D in 2 that was first punched in upside down, and then corredted, and the reversed D (upside down but left that way) on 3d N. ~~32~~ 35.

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out your duplicates, and sending them on to me with your proposal. In addition to what you already have there, I'm fairly certain to acquire that 1709 N.Y. note (11/1/09, 25 Sh. # 1559), and still have the Peter Zenger note (12/10/37, £5, # 6245), the Pensacola note, and a number of the rarer R.I. notes, as well as a few others that do not come to mind immediately, but, which you might be able to use. Though I hope that you'll be able to make our N.Y. show the 1st week-end in May, please don't wait for then to discuss this. It's pretty difficult to give much thought to such things during a convention. I'd much prefer to have you send me your proposals, and let me think about them in the quiet of my office. Edison Bros. may apply pressure at times, but we here at Picker, Inc., just say: " do it yesterday!!" But seriously, it is about time we did try to work out a few things instead of playing cat and mouse. You think that I'm going to want too much for my notes, and don't know what coins to offer in exchange. You're afraid that you'll be asking too little for your coins in relation to what you think I may get for them. Frankly, if you give me a slight advantage, I'll take it. If you don't offer enough, I'll let you know. If you offer far too much (wishful thinking), I'll let you know that too. On occasion, I've been known to do that. Not too long ago, just a few months, if that long, I had an item that belonged to someone, so that I could check it out for possible purchase. When I decided it

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was genuine, I called him, and asked him to put a price on it. He mentioned a figure, and I told him that it was far too low, and that I wouldn't feel right about buying it for that price. He added $50. I told him that it was still on the bargain side, but, not so much that I couldn't take advantage of it, but, that I would pay more for it. He told me that since I had dome favors for him in the past, and that since his cost on the item was negligible, I should accept it at that 2nd figure. I did, and we are both happy. You know values a lot more than you care to admit. Though you didn't want to have a hand in the pricing of the notes in the book, when I sent that large group of Mass. notes, you were quick to point out that they were evidently priced with the idea in mind that they were Revere notes, and that they actually weren't by Revere. You must have ideas on the values of other notes, and coins as well. Back in 1957 when I was in St. Louis, and we worked out other trades, you asked me what I thought the value of the 3-C was, and I said about a few hundred dollars, you immediately rejected the idea. I had only been in business a few years (started Oct. 1955), and was only guessing, not having handled any prior to that, that I can now recall, but, you knew enough to reject it. There were no complaints on the trades that we did make, but, I think that I still have that Nova that you traded me for the 52-G Conn, and wouldn't mind trading back. As it gets later, my memory gets better. I'd better get to bed before I remember something to my disadvantage. Please re-read this, give it some thought, and let's hear from you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 4/11/69 № 3968

SOLD TO Eric P Newman

Eckiar Bros Stores Inc

400 Wash. Ave

St. Louis 2, Mo.

ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
N.J. 4/10/59 30 Sh. B	3996	—	20
N.Y. 4/18/86 10 Sh.	19339	5415C	250
			270

Paid

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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4/23/69

Dear Eric:

After mailing a letter to you this afternoon, I decided to try to get some more work done on your Noe 12 and Vlack's 38. After making a few minor pencil notes, I was interrupted, and I'll now be tied up for the better part of the evening. I was hoping that I'd have your comments to my last letter on the subject. I'd appreciate it very much if you'd sit down, and comment on each point that I brought up, or mentioned. If you agree with my premise that they're both counterfeit, we can go from there, and find more points. If you can refute the premise, it would be helpful if you would do so on each point that I mentioned. Perhaps, I can enlarge on those points, or bring up others. Though I love projects like this, there are far too few such interesting ones. Now that we have a start, let's get it worked out. I'll be looking forward to a lengthy and interesting letter.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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4/23/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, the photo-copy, and the Oak which fortunately arrived safely. I wish you'd remember to register or certify returns to me, so that coins will be covered under insurance. I'm delighted with the photo-copy, and will be reading it to a number of people. I doubt if they'll print it if you didn't include your name, but, if you did, they might. We'll see. But, on the Oak, I know that the reverse die damage is fully described, but, it was the obverse damage that isn't mentioned at all. It's definitely a 7, but the obverse is damaged in just the same manner as the 6, and resembles it to a large extent. That's what I wanted you to see. I've had it so long now that I think that I'd better return it to the owner. If you think that you want to re-examine it, let me know, and I'll try to re-borrow it. Now that we've cleared up the two small items on last May's invoice, do you think you can now work on the larger ones, as well as the 2 noe 37s on the July 1967 invoice? Since the bull session at the N.Y. convention never did come off, I'm going to try to get the same group together at the ANA convention in Philadelphia. Do you think that you'll be able to be there, or will you be hunting wild animals someplace?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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Richard Picker

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#2 50¢ to KO Photo

4/25/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for the photo. Here's the check. It arrived just in time, as I expect to see Breen on Tuesday. As I think I explained to you when I asked Mr. Capps to get it shot, I think that this is a variety that he didn't list. When I saw the coin, naturally, I tried to attribute it, and I think it was the reverse that differed from any that he described. I hope that he keeps the negatives filed, as I may need some additional prints, but, at this point, I don't know. Breen may find that it's something he described, and I just didn't pick it up. If he wants any additional prints, I ll let him get in touch with you, or KO Photo directly. Thanks again for your help. I should be getting a lot of mail from you next week, if you're of a mind to answer any of mine. I don't remember if I asked again, but, did you ever determine the pedigree of your NE VI??

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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5/1/69

Dear Eric:

Nothing much new. Am awaiting the answers to some of my questions. Gave Breen the photo of the $10. gold piece the other day. He also went over all of my Mass. silver for his ms. We started to look at your Noe 12 and Vlacks 38, but time ran out, and we'll just have to meet again. Meanwhile, winding up the enclosed statement at this time, would be very helpful. I had just too much to do, so skipped the Chicago show. Don't know what they plan to do about the Florida dealer who got in trouble. I see where there's another under investigation, but don't know whether or not he's a member of PNG.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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STATEMENT

RICHARD PICKER

COINS

P. O. BOX 366 ALBERTSON

LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

MAYFAIR 1-0763

5/1/69 196

Sold to Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores Inc.
1100 Wash. Stores Inc
St Louis 2 Mo.

Terms:

7/25/67	Inv # 6551	425			
	Bal due	425			
5/29/68	Inv # 6930	2020			
	Pd. # 3968	270			
	Bal due	1750			
	Total Bal Due			2175	

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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5/26/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your note and check. Enclosed please find a receipted bill for your purchase. That only leaves the N.Y. note (@ $750.), and one of the Pine Tree 3d pieces, N. Z 37.* I'm wondering why your Newcomer NE VI was not included in the Noe Monograph (1943) by either you or him. Also, does it have any earlier pedigree, where it might be plated? If not, could you supply me with a print? Question: Where is the 'S' for Smithers in top border of Pa 10/25/75 1 Shill? I couldn't find it and neither could Keller.

answered

answered

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

* Hope that you can clear these up soon. In a few days, it'll be a year on the note, and come July, it'll be 2 years on the PT3s.

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P.S. It just occurred to me that you, or your foundation might be interested in publishing some of Breen's works. He has his Mass. Silver ms ready, as well as some others. If you think that you'd like to give the idea some consideration, please give me a call, and I can give you some details. As a matter of fact, even if at the moment you don't want to consider it, give me a call anyway, perhaps I can talk you into it.

RP

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COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD - INC

DATE 5/26/69 **Nº** 3999

SOLD TO Eric P Newman
Edison Bros Stores, Inc
St Louis 2, Missouri

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	Mass 10/14/13 3 Shill 1714-1716	5414	1000		
			1000		
	Paid				

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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5/31/69

Dear Eric:

The father of the bride is just about recovered, and trying to catch up on some work. Could your NE VI be the Bushnell specimen that is illustrated in Noe? If not, do you know where the Bushnell specimen is now? Does JHU have one? I saw that little squiggle on the 10/25/75 1S. note, and Phil pointed it out too, but, though it just about resembles an S, it certainly doesn't look like an S that an engraver would make, especially if it was meant to be his own mark. I think that it's just the way those background lines came out, and calling it an S is a little wishful thinking. But..... I hope to make the N.Y. meeting on the 13th, and hope that your talk isn't too ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ involved for that group. I'm returning your letter, since it isn't a photocopy, and you probably want it for your files.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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6/5/69

Dear Eric:

Here's your Noe 12 back. Thanks very much for letting me hold it so long. I don't think that I can find out any more about it than I already have, and frankly, I don't know what I've found out, though I did come to some conclusion. My opinion is that it's bad. Perhaps it is a contemporary piece, but I'm confident that it wasn't made at the Massachusetts mint, or under their authority. Breen is of the same opinion since he was able to examine it, and we both feel the same way about Vlack's #38. Taxay hasn't seen either of these pieces (to my knowledge, as they weren't shown to him by me), so I assume that his opinion is based either on Walters or mine. You were kind enough to send me two copies of my letter of 3/1/69. I gave one to Breen, and am sending the other to Vlack. I'd appreciate it very much if you could send me another copy for my own files, and if it isn't too inconvenient, and extra one or two, in the event that I find someone else who'd be a likely prospect for one. Also, I believe that I wrote a 2nd letter regarding these pieces. I'd appreciate a few copies of that letter too. Of course, what I'd appreciate most, would be your opinions regarding all of the comments that I made, as well as your considered opinion as to whether it's a genuine or counterfeit piece. When will you be in N.Y.? When will you have some free time here? Has your bank a/c recouped sufficiently enough to wind up the balance?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

6/14/69

Dear Eric:

Rushing to get this to the P.O. before it closes at noon, so you'll hopefully find them there Monday AM. Would appreciate them back as soon as possible with your detailed opinion and analysis. Will write again later, and get that note off to you.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.
COINS
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PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD - INC

DATE 6/14/69 № 7265

Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Store Inc
400 Washington Ave
St Louis 2, Mo

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	Cent. $1- pewter H. 1'-C	285 gr	249	8.0
	" " " 2-C	243	211	7.6
	" " " 3-D	267	232	7.6 sp

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 19, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

Your advertisement of Hebrew Plaster has cheered me up. I am trying to buy some to cure my rheumatism. It says where this plaster is applied pain is seldom known to remain. I enclose photocopies, as requested.

The three Continental Dollars you forwarded are enclosed herewith.

1 (1) C weighs 285 grains and has a specific gravity of 8.0. It is sharp, has a very normal and natural darkening in the areas where darkening usually occurs. It has a small dent in the middle of the Rhode Island circle. The obverse, if turned on its vertical axis results in the reverse being offset clockwise approximately 30 degrees. It is, in my opinion, genuine.

Variety 2-C weighs 243 grains and has a specific gravity of 7.6. It appears to be artificially darkened. Its obverse is very strong but has a pitting defect over X in the sun dial, a pitting defect over the 6 in the date, and several others on the obverse. The N in CURRENCY has a protrusion in the upper left which indicates casting. Its reverse is offset about 30 degrees clockwise if turned on its vertical axis. The border opposite and parts of the Virginia and North Carolina links are badly deteriorated and porous. The field is quite smooth compared to the porosity of the surface of the obverse. The edge is rather strong except a portion opposite the deteriorated links and this looks like the port for casting. In our opinion the piece is a cast forgery.

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6/15/69

Dear Eric:

Happy Fathers Day! Now that I have my new shirt, they let me back in the office to do a little work, and help pay for it. That was a nice talk Friday. I enjoyed it, and I know that you held the interest of those who have little or no interest in the subject. Here's the note that you wanted to play with. No rush on this piece, and you can photo it or Xerox if you wish. I spoke to Breen yesterday, and he's going to write you regarding his ms. He assurred me that he has no committment to Rook on it, or any of his ms. I hope that it works out, and you do it. By the way, he'd like a Xerox of this note. I mentioned it to him on the phone, and he'd never heard of it. The sheet of Pa 3/16/85 is an interesting find. I sent it to Henry to be shot, but they were so jammed up, they couldn't take it for a few months. However, the photographer did him a favor, and shot it on his own time for him. As soon as I have prints, I'll forward one to you. The sheet has been consigned to me, but so far, a price hasn't been placed on it. When I'm told, I'll let you know. Meanwhile, it might be a good idea to take a look at your coin duplicates, to see if you can find something good to trade. It might work out better that way. I hope that you're able to get the Continentals back to me soon. There is a rush on them. What did I forget???

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Rich

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PROFESSIONAL NUMISMATISTS GUILD • INC.

DATE 6/15/69 № 7267

Erin P Mewm

Edison Bros Stores, Inc

400 Wash Ave

St Louis 2 Mo

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE		
	50¢ New David's Bank N. L. Ormsby				

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6/22/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, notes, returns, comments, etc. I agree on the dollars. Sorry, don't have any of that plaster, but, take two aspirins, and call me in a day or two. Do you think that's actually an advertising note, or an anti-semetic piece? Here's the ctf. It could be the 3rd listed, but doesn't match the description exactly. Please return as soon as possible. It isn't mine, and must be returned in short order. The Penna sheet will be for sale. It is being consigned to me, but, as yet, no price has been given me. As soon as I have the prints, I'll forward one to you. Will also advise you of price as soon as I know. Meanwhile, even though you haven't as yet un-gooed the Mass note, how about getting the N.Y. note off my books. Then you'll own two to be un-gooed. Would also appreciate a determination on the 2 Noe 37s. By the way, if you want this ctf., it's for sale, I'll dig up the price and note it on the invoice. I think I told you that the talk was excellent, not too technical, and held the attention of everyone. You're invited again!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

January 2, 1968

Dr. George Miles, Director
American Numismatic Society
Broadway at 155th St.
New York, New York 10032

Dear George:

I would like to nominate Mr. Richard Picker to become a Fellow of the A.N.S. He is devoted to scholarship in numismatics as well as being a dealer of the highest reputation. He has voluntarily assisted me and others in extensive research projects concerning American Colonial coins and paper money and makes his library and records available to all of those who ask for information.

Of all the people who helped me in writing Early Paper Money of America, Richard Picker was the most encouraging and the most helpful.

I plan to ask a number of other Fellows if they would sponsor Richard Picker as a Fellow and before doing so merely wanted to know whether there would be any reason why I should not do it.

Cordially,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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1/13/68

Dear Eric:

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Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 6/22/69 Nº 7276

E. P. Newman

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
Cart Cur 4/11/78 40 Dol Ctf.	Serial 14417		25

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

June 26, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

The $40 Yorktown counterfeit you just sent me is returned herewith.

Because of you I have revised my description of the counterfeits of this denomination and issue. They were not clear and readily distinguishable. The reason for that is that I tried to follow some of the text of the official broadside which is sloppily and poorly written. My next edition, hopefully, will give proper distinguishing features.

I would like to acquire this note, since it is marked "counterfeit" and will gladly send you a lovely clean counterfeit in much better condition in exchange for it. Will you see what can be done.

Sincerely yours,

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6/27/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter, and for the return of the note. Perhaps I'm mistaken, but I thought that I mentioned that the counterfeit was sent to me on memo, and trading would be difficult, since I don't know whether the other party would accept it, and, I'm inclined to think that he wouldn't. But, it is for sale, and I thought that I put a price on the invoice. It's $25. Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you want it, as I won't return it until I hear from you. Meanwhile, you didn't mention if it was one that was listed, or a new one. Though it wouldn't make any difference in the price or the availability, I'd like to know. When you have any of the revisions on the descriptions of the counterfeits done, I'd like to have copies for my own use. In many cases the descriptions are meagre, and often it's necessary to have a genuine for comparison. Couldn't they be written so that they'd be identifiable without such comparisons? Have you given any thought to what single or perhaps 2 coins you might want to trade for the 1785 sheet? That also is consigned, and though as yet I do not have a price on it, I did discuss the possibility of taking somthing in trade for it, so long as it's an easily saleable item(s), which I would then sell. He's agreeable to that. To date, I still do not have a print of it, but you shall have one as soon as I get them. Nothing much else new. Will you be at ANA?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

FORM #105

July 1, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM

Dear Mr. Picker:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter dated June 27, 1969 to Mr.Eric P. Newman.

Mr. Newman is on vacation at the present time and I will bring your letter to his attention upon his return.

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Ann Barrett
Secretary to Mr. Newman

STATEMENT

RICHARD PICKER

COINS

P. O. BOX 366 ALBERTSON

LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

MAYFAIR 1-0763

6/30/69 196

Sold to Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores Inc.
400 Wash ave
St Louis 2, Mo

Terms:

7/25/67		Inv. # 6551				
		1652 PT3 M 37	225			
		1652 PT3 M 37	200			
5/24/68		Inv # 6930				
		N.Y. 11/1/69 255h.	750			

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
AREA CODE 516 • 621-0763

7/6/69

Dear Eric:

Just received a price on the 1785 sheet. $1250. Please let me know whether or not you'd be interested in seeing it at this price. Or, if you have something of comparable value that you'd like to trade for it. Also, please remember, this is not mine, it is consigned to me to sell, though I am authorized to make a trade if I feel that I can sell the material I accept, in a reasonable amount of time.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. If you have any of the Washington Funeral Medals, Baker 165 or 166, please send them on to me for study. I've just completed the descriptions of the known obverses and reverse die varieties, and will be sending it on to George soon.

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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7/30/69

Dear Eric:

You should be back by the time that you receive this, and I hope that you had a nice vacation. I hope that you're still able to take enough time to make the ANA show in Philadelphia. Anyway, the purpose of this note is to let you know that the party who has offered that sheet to me has been asking me about what progress I've made. Frankly, I haven't mentioned it to anyone but you, though I do have several other prospects who would most probably be interested in it. Please give me a call at your earliest convenience, and let me know whether or not you're interested, so that I'll know how to proceed. WB had a run in with DPT, and was fired, and is now back with NN. Which is the frying pan and which is the fire?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Where were you on vacation?

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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8/4/69

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you the other day. Glad that you had such a nice and interesting trip. You didn't mention any coins or paper money. Don't tell me that you didn't find at least a few goodies. Nothing much new here, except this sheet. I hope that you haven't forgotten that you mentioned you'd send a check. It'll come in handy for the convention.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.S. Thanks for remindexemption

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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~~XXXXXX~~
8/6/69

Dear Eric:

Please excuse the haste. Am in the midst of preparations for ANA. This was just sent to me by a collector. Is it as purported, a blue counterfeit detector, signed and numbered, or, is it a regular note that has been faded or bleached? Please let me have your answer in duplicate, of the special stationery.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

P.s. Please return via certified mail, or bring to ANA,
" — as soon as possible
(over

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 8/6/69 Nº 7303

E. P. Hewson

APPROVAL

Send

	ITEM	~~INVENTORY~~ NUMBER	PRICE			
	C.C. 9/26/68 60 Dal	6122				

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

August 8, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, New York 11507

Dear Dick:

You submitted to us for our opinion a $60 Continental bill No. 61232 authorized September 26, 1778.

The paper on which it is printed is definitely the blue paper used for test purposes as it has blue threads in it while the normal paper has no threads and contains mica. This paper is not artificially dyed as can readily be seen by the fold on the lower border. The faded color is not unusual in blue sheets and although many of them are much brighter, there are some which are as dull as this one.

This bill apparently was not issued because it only contains one signature and the requirement for issuance was two signatures. The signature it contains could be John Casher, or possibly John Casper. Neither of those signatures are among the signers of regular bills. It is possible that the name John Casher is a bit of humor and that he was the casher of this note.

It is our opinion that the numbering and the signing took place in the 18th century either as devilment or as amusement.

We hope we have been helpful.

We are returning the bill herewith.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/stb

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THROUGH RESEARCH AND EXHIBITION
OF COINS, CURRENCY AND HISTORIC OBJECTS

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 8/14/69 № 4041

SOLD TO Eric P Newman
Numismatic Educational Soc
6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis Mo

	ITEM	Ser #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
Nov 1,	1709 N.Y 25¢.	1559	56730	750
				750

FORM #105

August 19, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

This note is substituted for the one I took in New York.

FORM #105

August 20, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker | FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

Would you be nice enough to send me the addresses and telephone numbers (residence or business, or both) of Herbert A. Silberman, a well known numismatist.

EPN/atb

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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8/21/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for returning the notes. The Continental is on its way to the owner. I thought that it was an authorized signer, confusing it in a hasty look with that of Robert Cather who signed this issue. On the Georgia note, you mentioned that you were going to send a lovely uncirculated note. This has been folded thru the middle in two places, and has a pencil notation on the reverse. I guess we all take liberties in grading. That's why I don't grade any of my mate ial. Anyway, lets get on to other things. Would you please send me a print of your NE sixpence for my files. Also, how about working out the two Pine Tree threepence pieces? I had a call the other day from a local dealer offering me a set of 13 colonies notes. After talking with him, and he described the envelopes, there was no doubt but that the set came from me, as they still bore my inventory numbers. However, at the price, I refused. Later, I got to thinking and checked an old list, and called him back, asking him to read a few of the serial numbers. Then, I read the rest to him and they were correct. This was a set that I sent out on approval to a swindler in 1960. He used the street address of a hotel, and was registered under an alias, received a number of packages, registered, etc., and then skipped, leaving a big hotel bill. This was all reported to the P.O., etc., and is still on file. This dealer, and the

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party for whom he's selling them are both legitimate people, and it looks like I'll have them back shortly,. The present owner purchased them for a very nominal amount from a dealer in Texas. As soon as I have all of the details, the P.O. wants to look into it again. I guess it pays to keep records. If you have a Bolen copy of the Bar Cent in silver, I'd like to borrow it for examination, or see a sharp photo of it. I hope that the air-conditioning and rooms in the St. Louis hotel are better than what we just had in Philly. A lot of people will hold you personally responsible for any inconveniences and slip-ups, and I'll be one of them. Perhaps you ought to make a reservation for me now, to be sure that I have a nice, large, comfortable room. This last hotel was miserable. We left about 3:30 Saturday, and it was a pleasure to get into the air-conditioned car. Was the convention productive for you?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

P.S. Do you know of any notes from: BANK OF SWATARA, Harrisburg Pa if so - duplicates or Photocopies to me please

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

September 8, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, L.I. New York 11507

Dear Dick:

I haven't forgotten you. I have just been overwhelmed in miscellany since the convention.

If the party who has the $40 Yorktown counterfeit wishes to sell it, as you indicated he would, I will gladly buy it. Its condition improves what I already have on hand.

I haven't forgotten about the New England 6d picture request, nor have I forgotten about the bill which you keep sending me.

The only piece of good luck that I have had is that I soaked all the plastic off the Massachusetts bill I bought from you and it is now down to its torn self. It took me two hours to get the plastic off, mixing several different chemicals. For a while I thought I had destroyed the bill and you can imagine how I felt about that. Your chemist certainly gave me the right data.

My very best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
EDUCATION SOCIETY

EPN/atb

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MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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9/12/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. I'm writing today for that Yorktown counterfeit, and if it's still available, I'll get it for you. I'll be looking forward to the print of your NE VI. I'll stop sending the statements when the bill is paid. After all, it's over two years. I'm glad that you were able to get the casing off that Massachusetts note without ruining it. Dr. Pace had told me what a dangerous operation it was, and how possible it might be to ruin one. Anyway, it's a relief to know that it's done. Did I tell you that I just recovered a set of 13 colonies notes that I had shipped to a swindler in 1960? He used the street address of a hotel, got a lot of stuff from a lot of dealers and then skipped, leaving a big hotel bill in Tallahassee. A Mexican collector recently bought them from a Texas dealer, and gave them to a N.Y. dealer to sell. He contacted me, and after we determined that they were mine, I got them back. The Mexican collector and N.Y. dealer are both legitimate, and the collector bought them in good faith, so I reimbursed him for his cost, and now have them back. I'm awaiting the info on the Texas dealer and will turn it over to the P.O. Now to other things. In the RI 5/00/86 issue how do you account for 12,000 20 shill notes and only 10,000 for the 30, 40, and £3, when they were all printed on the same sheet? Also, in the sheet structure section for that issue you do not list: 10, 3, # 6, 5. That's how it sets up, I have the sheet here, but, don't own it as yet, must make an offer on it. If I get it, do you need it? (#8946).

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

ORM #105

MEMORANDUM September 17, 1969

TO Mr. Richard Picker FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick:

I am very glad that you got your set of Colonial paper money back which was maneuvered out of you in 1960.

I am glad you located a sheet of the Rhode Island 1786 issue with 10, 3, #6, 5. I certainly want a picture of it to see if it is a single sheet, a duplicate sheet, or quadruplicate sheet. I do not have it. There must have been many of these sheets but they were virtually all cut up.

I looked at my New England sixpence and I do not have a picture of it, as yet. It is apparently from a different die. It was in the Waldo Newcomer collection and is there described as having been approved by Elmer Sears. A picture will be forthcoming as soon as I get to picture taking.

You ask a very good question about how the Rhode Island 1786 issue was printed. Usually there was a shift in denomination in printing notes ~~xxxx~~ so that a minimum number of sheets was used but this could not have taken place on this issue. It might be that the last 2,000 pieces were printed separately in partial sheets as both face and back were printed simultaneously on one side. I can't figure out any other practical way to accomplish the total provided by the Act. Do you have any different thoughts?

I'll be calling you up one of these moments.

Kindest regards,

EPN/stb

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COINS

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NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 9/18/69 Nº 7345

Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores Inc
4000 Wash. Ave
St Louis 2, Mo

APPROVAL

	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
	C.C. 4/11/78 40 Dol Cont. Ctf	14417		25

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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9/24/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. I did acquire these sheets of the 1786 issue. The 1777issue is in a collection that I was fortunate enough to be able to examine, but, it is not for sale, nor can the name of the owner be divulged. But, I thought that you'd appreciate a photo-copy of it. The reverse of the high denomination sheet of the 1786 issue has some notes that might be a clue. 12 of these sheets would be £90.. 12 of the middle denonination sheet would be 14/4. No combination of the other sheets would come to the 24/4 noted, but, it's possible that the notator made an error in computation, just as I did when I figured it hurriedly for the 1st time, and came to 24/4 instead of 14/4. These sheets are evidently half sheets as evidenced by the wide rough edged border on one side, and the sharp narrow border on the other side. The holes at the right center are evidently from the strings used for packaging. Is it possible that these two sheets were printed as one large one, with one set being upside down, or reversed? If this could be, and the notator made a computation error, then he may have received 12 full sheets for whatever payment or the notation meant. As to how they printed the extra 2,000 notes, I haven't a clue, other than the possibility of printing them separately, by removing the other plates, and hand feeding the large sheet 8 times, and making 250 such sheets. Or, were they that careful to follow the letter of the act. Couldn't they have over printed the other denominations, or just neglected to print those 2,000?

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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Now that you tell me that your sixpence is from a different die, I'm much more anxious to see a print. You are the one who dubbed the Clarke (Noe 4) specimen a counterfeit, and that also came from Newcomer (NNM 102, p. 8). The fact that Elmer Sears approved it doesn't mean much. Anyone could have made an error. I once ran into two copper medals at the ANS, I believe they were Washington Funeral medals, which are very rare in copper, and though they both came from a very well known and distinguished collection, I found that they were both electros. I've forgotten the collection, but, they're still there, and now properly marked. So, regardless of what Elmer Sears thought about it, what's your opinion of it, just based upon your study of the coin, not its pedigree? Also, you never gave me your conclusions on the PTS Noe 12, other than its pedigree. I'd like your opinion on that too, based upon a study of the coin. By the way, in your Connecticut Collection, if you have a 1787 M. 33.22-II, I'd like to see it, or a good photo of it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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9/29/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks very much for your letter. Glad that you were able to discover something new again. I don't know where I got the idea that the holes were for packaging. I think I read it some time ago someplace. The registry nails was brought out to me some time ago also, but somehow the original idea persisted. Anyway, how come there are no registry holes on the # 11356. That sheet looks trimmed, but I doubt that they were cut off because it APPEARS on the others from about ¼ to 1/3 under the note itself. I thought that perhaps we could solve the 20 Sh. mystery if we were to find a note with one of the other designs. Then we could assume that they made up a plate of 4 20 sh. notes, and struck off 250 8 note sheets. But, when I looked at mine, for some strange reason I find that I do not have any 20 sh. notes in my large stock, nor do I have an envelope for them. It's possible that the envelope was pulled out, and misplaced in another State. I have no way of knowing unless your fabulous records reveal that I had a number of them when I first shipped all that I had to you, about 1959 or 1960. I don't think that I kept an inventory of them, but you might have. By the way, these sheets are now mine, and I can net them at $200. each. If you want the one that you lack, please let me know, and I'll forward it. The owner of the 1777 sheet can't be divulged because he is offering his collection for sale to somebody. I was just allowed to see it, and was also allowed to make copies of this sheet, but I don't think that it's fair to mention the name until negotions

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are completed, or at least until the other party gives me the permission. You no doubt have a picture of the AAS sheet. Is theirs also unnumbered and signed by the same party? Are the left borders cut short so that this might be the other part of the exact same sheet? Anyway, now that we know it's a sheet of 8 notes we have another mystery. How did they make 9 denominations, and in different quantities? I assume that the other two on the AAS sheet are 1/9 and 1/36, which would leave the lowest quantity 1/3 the mystery note. For such a small State, R.I. sure makes a lot of trouble. Now that I have your opinion on the Noe 12, I wish that you'd sit down and re-read all my reasons for my conflicting opinion, and answer them. I can't be convinced just by such a statement, but, if I'm wrong, I'd like to be convinced by logic. Of course, I can form no opinion on the VI until I can examine it, or at least a good photo, but, a few things do come to mind. Since the NE punch for the VI was the same one used on the 3, and since both denominations are very rare, we can assume that they didn't make too many. Since one punch was sufficient for the two denominations, why would they need a duplicate punch for the VI? Also, why didn't you write it up in NNM 142? I'd appreciate seeing a sharp photo of it, along with the weight, etc.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 9/29/69 **Nº** 4060

SOLD TO Eric P. Newman
Edison Bros Stores Inc
400 Wash Ave
St. Louis 2, Mo

ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE
C.C. 4/11/78 40 Dol Counterfeit	1H417	6966	25
			25

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MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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10/8/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the note. I just spoke to Ben, and he's reserving a room for me. I ll plan to be there the PM of the 27th, and see the stuff the 28th. The 1st session is 7PM the 28th. Until about 10 AM the material will be in Baltimore, and will be at the hotel the AM of the 28th for viewing, so, it doesn't pay to make a special trip to Baltimore just for that. But, I may be one of a good many who have the same idea, and it might be rough going. If time permits, I may try to get to Baltimore sometime next week and see it, and then come to Washington Tuesday. Anyway, I hope that we can get to spend some time together. Perhaps Tuedday evening, after the sale, we can go to my or your room, and just talk. Do you have the Robinson copies of NON DEPENDENS STATUS, with and without the word 'copy'? Do you have the engraved piece from which it was copied, or any such engraved piece? Please bring any and all such pieces. In one of my letters I asked about a specific Conn cent, don't remember the variety now, but, do you have it, and if so, can I see it, or a photo of it? Also NE VI photo or coin? I note that you addressed me as Dick the Creditor. Frankly, nothing would please me more than to get rid of that designation, but, I can't do a thing about it, only you can!

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N Y. 11507
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10/15/69

Dear Byron:

Thanks very much for your letter and the returns. Frankly, I think that the '1' is as important, if not more so than tha 7s. The French , on both of these medals used 'I's for '1's, and the '1' on the store card is very distinctive, as it is on the NDS. But, dig up what you can, and try to let me have everything before I leave for Washington on the 27th. Newman called me yesterday, and I started to talk to him about it. He sounded interested, and said that he had a file on the subject, with a lot of info, and that he was planning to write something on it in the future. He's convinced that no genuine coin exists. I started to tell him about some of our findings, and asked him to bring his file to Washington with him, but, he took the attitude that he didn't want to foster an article that might promote a coin as being genuine, when he knew it not to be. I asked him to bring his file anyway, and if after some discussion, he decided not to show it to me, he didn't have to, but, if he decided to, he'd have it there. I don't know what he'll do, but, I'd like to have your info, as well as the piece with me, and if he's co-operative, I'll show it to him. If he isn't, I wont. If you'd rather I dropped the whole thing with him, just say so, and I will. Meanwhile, do you get the Colonial Newsletter? If not, let me know, and I'll send your name in for a subscription. There is no charge for it, but, since it is non profit, every once in a while, the editor asks for donations. That might be a good place to publish something like this, as we have a very active readership.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely, Dick

MEMO FROM

Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
ALBERTSON, N. Y. 11507
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10/20/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for your notes, and for the Swatara copy. It is already on the way to the party who asked about it. Ted discovered a new Conn. obverse, and was able to check it against almost every other obverse, either to the coin or a photo, and all were eliminated, except 33.22, and though it didn't match that description, he felt that he would have liked to have actually checked it against a photo of it. It has been sent to Spilman, and will appear in the next CNL. I'll be looking forward to seeing you in Washington, and hope that you'll reconsider, and bring your file on the Non Dependens Status. As things stand now, my plane is due in at 5:38 PM Monday, and I should be at the hotel within the hour, depending upon traffic, etc. Perhaps we can get together that evening.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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11/13/69

Dear Eric:

The N.H. note, and your check arrived safely this AM. Even though it was addressed correctly, it was mis-directed to Far Rockaway first. Hence the delay. It was mailed on the 6th, which is 7-8 days, and I don't mind saying I was a little worried about it. Anyway, here are the three lots. It seems from this group, that 15 sheets were cut up, and unfortunately, there is not one complete sheet here. There must be an awful lot of nice ones around that were parts of the 15 sheets. I just checked my stock, and I have none. It would be interesting to know if you have any within this number span. Anyway, when you make the returns, please either certify or register the package. I got your NE VI out of the vault today, and checked it carefully with mine. There's no doubt in my mind that they're both from the same pair of punches, and that they agree with # 1, 2, & 3 in the Noe plate. There is one in the British Museum, so that makes 6 known now, unless you know of any others in other museums or collections. I don't believe that Mrs. N. has one. I'd appreciate knowing where others are, if you have that info. By the way, yours is apparantly the heaviest, weighing 36 plus. Mine is 33.83, and is thicker and smaller than yours. You must have a photo of mine someplace, as you had examined it a number of years ago. I hate to put it in the mail, even with the full amount registered. Please let me know when you might be east again, when I might give it to you. If not in the forseeable future, I'll just chance it with the P.O.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely, Rich

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

P. O. BOX 123
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P.S. Just noticed that lot # 114 in the Rook sale appears to be that brass continental dollar that Benedetti had several years ago, that I had sent to you, and that you called a cast counterfeit. Anyway, they make an interesting story out of it, except for what I think is the fact that they probably used larger bullets in those days that would have disintegrated the piece. How come you're doing your rebuttal with Taxay on the 1804 dollar rather than with Bressett?

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

COINS

P. O. BOX 123 ALBERTSON

NEW YORK 11507

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DATE 11/13/69 № 7385

Erin P. Newman

Edison Bros Stores, Inc

400 Wash Ave

St Louis 2 Mo.

APPROVAL

	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	D+W. Auction Sale			
	Lot # 498 12 pcs			
	499 12 pcs			
	500 10 pcs			
	Nd. 123.75			

Richard Picker —

Dear Dick — 11/18/69

The NE 6d which you have of mine is as fat as I am. I know of no others than those you mention. I believe you can write a letter of evaluation of mine & be sure to mention (1) you have examined it (2) there are only six known (3) it is of major importance as the first American stamp silver etc. Do not send it back by mail. I'll be east sometime and pick it up.

The 1804 Dollar rebuttal will be first done by Robert Julian who classes Rosh's position as "absurd". Then Taxay + I will rebut. Ken wants to stay out of this, probably because he doesn't want to fight anyone. I sent him the text of Rosh's article as soon as I was sent it by Rochette, but he left it up to me to answer. I wish we didn't have to cut up Rosh so much but he asked for it by not letting Taxay or me see his article first. Rosh even flatly contradicts what he previously wrote. You are not to discuss what is going to happen because it may not happen. It is the present schedule only.

As to the 1778 Paul Revere pieces I have in my collection #5751 (2 pieces), #5752 (2 pieces), #5755, #5756, #5759 (2 pieces) #5760, #5761, #6639, #6642 (2 pieces) — J Brown sig

Our joint holdings have

#5751	9 pieces	plus EPN 2	= 11 pieces
5752	5 pieces	plus EPN 2	= 7 pieces
5755	6 pieces	plus EPN 1	= 7 pieces

So we have no complete set. If you want to get 11 out of 12 in a partially complete sheet I'll throw my 2 into the group and take out what may improve mine a trifle as all of mine are uncut too. Please advise whether 11 out of 12 is of special interest to sell. I think so. The other one was probably in the group you sold Douglass. See if you can find it. It looks like #5747 to #5761 is the range of numbers and thus 15 sheets were cut up without being put into circulation.

Let me hear from you on the above.

Eric

P.S. My secy is ill so please excuse handwritten letter.

MEMO FROM Richard Picker

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11/21/69

Dear Eric:

Answering in order. I will keep your NL VI in the vault until I hear that you'll be here, and then return it to you in person. I'll write the evaluation letter when time permits (busy as heck right now). Will mention nothing about the 180 Dollar bit to anyone. Will await publication, and just read and enjoy. As to the notes, in the collection sold to Douglas, there was: 6d & 8d of #5752. There was also a 9d of # 5782, which may and may not have been an error in listing. The others bore no resemblance to these #s. Why do you assume that the 15 sheets were cut up and not put into circulation. Couldn't ~~xxxx~~ they have been preserved in sheet form, and then cut up by some enterprising dealer or collector, so that he could sell individual unc notes, without letting the public know that so many unc ones were available? Just for kicks, I checked your listing of your collection, and see that you listed 13 notes. The duplicate being 3/ #5760, which was in lot #499. It's too bad that we can't find one complete set. I don't know that 11 would be much help, but, it can't do any harm. If it'll help you, go ahead, as long as yours are unc too as you mentioned. By the way, since you list the sheet structure, you must have it, or have seen at least one. What is the number of it?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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12/5/69

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you the other day. Glad to hear that you had such a nice time in Jamaica. I was almost certain that I had written you about Taxay, but perhaps I just forgot. One note that might be interesting for the revision (?), Del, 5/31/60, 40 Shill has the D in POUNDS backwards in two places. I have a few others, but I'll have to get them in order. Just remembered, S.C. 7/6/89 1¼ Shill: TREASUSY. I don't know when I'll get to see JJF with the book, but if you'd rather I didn't show it to him, just let me know, and I'll get it back to you pronto. I can't use it, and neither can Ted. I didn't think to ask George Fuld, he just may want it, as might the ANS. Let me know what you want me to do. I already mentioned it to JJF, but now I'm quite sure that I didn't mention that it came from you. Let me know if you plan to be in NY for the NY Christmas meeting, 12/12, and I'll bring your VI with me. Meanwhile, how about a rush job on the enclosed. I've been collecting the Levy and Jacobs notes for some time now. I have over 30 of them, and have seen a number of others. I've found that Jacobs signed 2/17; 5/9/ & 7/22/76, and Levy signed 11/2/76 and 2/26/77. I've never seen any variations to this. The enclosed seems to be Levy, even though it's larger than his signature on other notes, but, that could be explained by the fact that this note only required one signer, and he had all that room. It's offered to me in trade, and I'd like to have it if it's authentic, and it appears so to me, but, your experienced eye might find something wrong.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely, (our)

RICHARD PICKER, Inc.

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DATE 12/5/64 Nº 7415

Eric P Newman

Edison Bros Stores, Inc

400 Wash ave,

St Louis 2, Mo

APPROVAL

	ITEM	Serial #	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE			
	C. C. 7/17/76 Vidal A	122680					

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12/9/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the notes. Here's the evaluation. If you'd like it changed in any way, please set it up the way you'd like it, and I'll re-do it. Meanwhile, here's a peculiar note. Note the backwards 'P' on the 'E' of DEPRESSA. Of the two other notes of this issue and denomination that I have in stock, both have a normal 'E', one being a much higher number, and the other the number is faded out. I'd certainly appreciate your opinion on this. It doesn't appear to be just extra ink, as it's too well formed. Phil Keller has come up with something interesting again, but, I'll let him tell you about it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

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	ITEM	INVENTORY NUMBER	PRICE	
	C.C. 1/14/79 1 Dal Serial # 94646	47660		

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12/9/69

Dear Mr. Newman:

After examining the NE VIpence in your collection, I'm convinced that it is genuine, and is from the same dies as described in Noe, page 11, #s 1, 2, and 3, and illustrated on plate # 2 of the same monograph (NNM # 102, ANS, 1943).
To my knowledge, there are six specimens known of this coin:

1. American Numismatic Society
2. Massachusetts Historical Society
3. British Museum
4. The specimen sold in the Bushnell sale, S.H. & H. Chapman, 6/20-24/1882, Lot # 141, illustrated there, and in ANS, NNM #102, plate II, #3. I do not know the present whereabouts of this coin.
5. One specimen in the stock of a coin dealer, the only one known to be for sale.
6. Your coin, as mentioned above.

In view of the rarity of this coin, and in view of its historical value, being the first coin to have been made in the first authorized mint in this country, I feel that the present value of your coin is $20,000.00.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC EDUCATION SOCIETY

6450 Cecil Avenue, St. Louis 5, Missouri

December 10, 1969

Mr. Richard Picker
P.O.Box 123
Albertson, Long Island, N.Y.

Dear Dick:

My opinion on the 1779 $1 Continental is that the backwards P created on the E is inked on manually. It seems to be the same color ink as ruined the letter N in SPANISH. This could, of course, be caused by a fibre or shred of paper getting into the ink when the reverse was printed. This time I think your eagle eye has picked up a curiosity. I am returning it herewith.

I look forward to hearing what Phil Keller has found.

You will be interested to know that the Delaware 1760 issue has the word "thirty" spelled wrong. The word "thirty" in the top and bottom border is spelled "THRTY". I am, naturally, putting both of these errors into my hoped revision.

Thanks for everything.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN NUMISMATIC
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FORM #105

December 10, 1969

MEMORANDUM

TO Mr. Richard Picker

FROM Eric P. Newman

Dear Dick,

I am returning the half dollar Continental you sent me and assure you that it is genuine and has the signature of Ben Levy. I believe I have one of this fractional issue similarly signed. It is nice that you are collecting such a fine assemblage of the signatures of your co-religionists.

Thank you, very much, for the comment with respect to the Delaware 1760 40 sh. item having an error. I will check mine shortly. I already had entered the South Carolina 1789 error in my revision text.

I certainly have no objection to anyone who is interested having the book which I sent you. If ANS does not have it, please give it to them for me.

Thanks for keeping me up to date on everything.

Sincerely,

EPN/atb

CERTIFIED MAIL

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12/11/69

Dear Eric:

Nice talking with you. I miss your frequent calls. I called JJF, and told him all about the mildew, and how bad it was, and he was afraid that it might contaminate his library, so passed it without seeing it. It is now packed, and will be mailed with this letter, addressed to ANA, Att: Library. Outside of my label on the address, there is no indication that it came from me or you, no note inside or anything, as you suggested. I'll leave it to you to alert them to the package, and see that you get the proper credit for it.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Dick

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[illegible] of this type

[illegible] for making on these photos. Frankly, [illegible] I have several letters each month re- [illegible] three diagrams about 1893, when Crosby was [illegible] to [illegible] It was also to be sold to have been dug up by a laborer [illegible] such an excessive price, that he [illegible] William Moulton [illegible] to about [illegible] Overall, [illegible] It was always suspected by serious students [illegible] coin, that was made in the 1870s, [illegible] popular, and sought after by collectors. It is also [illegible] It was common knowledge that Crosby was working on his monumental next [illegible] what the perpetrator of this fantasy, brought it to the [illegible] of having it included in his book, and thereby have [illegible] as a seed piece of the period. Actually, William Moulton was a [illegible] that a man with his fine talent, would [illegible] a very artistic piece. In addition, silversmiths were in those [illegible] in the habit of using a small hallmark to identify their silver or gold [illegible] to [illegible] that such so prominent in his field would have the temerity [illegible] to put his initials on the copper piece.

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as it would have been rejected on that account above. The [illegible] in [illegible] of New [illegible] been on the [illegible]

[illegible] a great portion of one side of a coin, to identify his work, [illegible] of the mint. Legislature was common knowledge, anyone who [illegible] as a later period, and have it accepted as the work [illegible] would logically place his initials on the coin. I held to [illegible] as do a number of other people who specialize in this field. For [illegible] interested in purchasing or selling such a coin. In [illegible] several years, thousands of copies of this piece have been [illegible] If you would care to send your coin on to me, I will be happy [illegible] give you my opinion as to whether it is one of the so-called [illegible] modern copies.

[illegible]

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12/13/69

Dear Eric:

Thanks for the letters and returns. As mentioned in my last letter, the book is on the way to ANA. That backwards P looks too well formed to have been an accident in printing, but then again, it would have been almost impossible to have made such an error in the cut. I would still however still like to examine one that has a number close to this, but lower (94646). Meanwhile, I don't recall whether or not I mentioned the No. Car. 4/2/76, $\$\frac{1}{2}$ Hunter etc. having the date:

Ap. 1 1776.

OK Apl 1776

Though it's most probably meant to be an 'el' rather than a 'one', since it doesn't conform to the style of the 'one' in 1776, but, it is curious, and perhaps should be noted for the revision. On the Levy and Jacobs notes, I have about 25 different. Up until now, I've only found Jacobs on the 1st 3 1776 issues, and Levy on the last 1776 and 1st 1777. Outside of the Levy on the fractional 2/17/76, do you know of any other variations of this. Can you check and see just what other Levy and Jacobs notes you have in your collection. Also, since he signed the fractional notes (Levy), do you think we can safely presume that he also signed the $1.-$8,s?

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

From the desk of

LEONARDO DA VINCI

12/23/69

Dear Eric:

Your descriptions are so meagre, I don't know whether or not this one is one of the two that you describe. You saw this note several years ago, from the Bullowa hoard, and marked it ' interesting British Tory Counterfeit '. You mentioned the different uses of the seals of the 1/14/7[illegible] issues on the various Guaranteed issues in your Nature Printing article p.33.(WPK) I think that this should be spelled out in detail in the revision.

Kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Another Masterpiece